

REMARKS

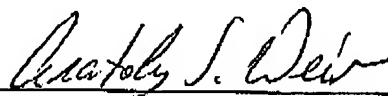
In the Response to Final Office Action filed on September 19, 2003, and in the Amendment filed with the Request for Continued Examination, we have presented several reasons why, we believe, the claims are patentable over references of record. We have made specific arguments directed to patentability of the independent claims and some of the dependent claims. As regards to the dependent claims that were not specifically addressed (if any), the claims are patentable together with their base and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant and his attorneys respectfully request a telephone interview prior to issuance of the first Office action in the continued examination. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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